

## COMMERCE CHAMBER.

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Preparing to greet New England visitors—Discussions inland trade—The proposed Tax on Cotton Seed Oil—New Members.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. Present, Colonel John B. Purcell, president; Hon. George L. Christian, first vice-president; Messrs. S. H. Hawes, second vice-president; R. S. Boshier, W. D. Chesterman, James D. Crump, Henry E. Bales, F. Johnson, A. D. Landenker, E. G. Leigh, Jr., Leopold Levy, W. R. Quarles, S. W. Travers, H. Wallerstein, R. H. Whittle, L. C. Younger. Excuses were made for the absence of Messrs. John B. Cary, Arthur B. Clarke, and O. L. Cottrell.

## INLAND TRADE.

Mr. S. W. Travers, chairman of the committee on inland trade, reported that he was now in position to distribute the documents of his committee to the appropriate sub-committees, and hoped hereafter to be able to dispose of them with greater dispatch than had been heretofore possible, as the papers in most of the cases before his committee had lain for several weeks in his possession. The rail-road committee will be appointed, and hope to be able to make a report at this meeting. The time requested by the railroads for running their trains over the connection between Elba station and the Byrd street station, which had been granted by the City Council, PAN-AMERICANS.

## MANCHESTER MATTERS.

## Matters of Interest Occupying the People in Our Sister City.

A meeting of the City Council will take place to-night at 8 o'clock in the Council Chamber.

Work was begun yesterday on the new pavement on Eleventh street.

Rev. Deacon Edwards, pastor of the Clifton-street Baptist Church, will leave New Orleans, La., on a tour. Rev. A. E. Hardy will occupy his pulpit during his absence.

Miss Lou Sublett has returned from Powhatan county.

A meeting of the City Council Committee was held last night in the Leader building, and a plan was adopted for the approaching primary. A synopsis of this plan has already been published in THE TIMES, and does not differ materially from the one Richmond.

May Atkinson was about fifteen boys before him yesterday, who make night hideous and perform pranks that are usually done by boys on St. Valentine's night. He gave them a severe reprimand, and a cessation of such foolishness is now expected.

The case of John A. Jones, charged with the killing of Alexander Cotton, now pending in the Chesterfield Court, has been continued until the April term, and the second day out will be set for the trial. Jones is now out on bail.

Mr. R. L. Shackleton, father of Mr. R. T. Shackleton, of this city, died a few days ago at McHenry, Illinois.

The deceased was quite an old man, and funds were left in his will which John Randolph of Roanoke willed to him.

The funeral services for the late Mr. Johnson, in support of this resolution, had been adjourned.

In this connection Mr. B. F. Johnson offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the present be hereby authorized to appoint a committee from among his friends in his judgment such committees may be needed."

Mr. Johnson, in support of this resolution, said that frequently important and distinguished visitors came to the city, and that time was too limited or it would be inconvenient to have committees appointed for their proper reception by authority from the board.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. R. H. Whitlock and adopted.

Upon the request of Mr. E. G. Leigh, Jr., the secretary and manager of the Richmond Paper Company, to communicate with Mr. M. J. O'Brien, general manager of the Southern Express Company, Savannah, Ga., ascertaining the excessive charges upon the collection of drafts at interior points trading with Richmond, and having no bank facilities, could not be reduced,

## COTTON SEED OIL.

Communications were received from the Mobile Chamber of Commerce and the Mobile Cotton Exchange, relating to the proposed tax on cotton seed oil in hand, by the two bills now before Congress known as the "Conger Bill," No. 283, and the "Garrison Bill," No. 679, protesting against the passage of these bills as being injurious to the best interests of the majority of the people in the country and especially to the cotton planters of the South. The question of the proposed tax on cotton seed oil, and the administration of cotton seed oil with pure lard was not determined, the Board endorsed the action of the Mobile organizations and instructed the secretary to communicate this endorsement to our senators and representatives.

The secretary laid before the board a communication from Mr. A. H. Christian, Jr., secretary and manager of the Richmond Paper Company, enclosing two bills from customers—the Standard Virginia and Bristol, Tennessee, and the Virginia and Bremo, concerning the complained of delay in shipments to that section, and the letter with its enclosures, was referred to the committee on inland trade.

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following gentlemen were then elected members of the Chamber: Mr. J. H. Shields, general manager of the Manchester Paper Company, and Mr. Robert L. Taylor, vice-president of the Tennessee Midland Railway Company. Several other communications were received by the board and appropriately disposed of. There was no further business, upon the motion of Mr. L. Levy, the meeting adjourned.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

The Lee Statue Pronounced Magnificent by the Agent in Paris—Other Items.

Mr. C. McLeod, who is the secretary of the Governor, sent the following telegram yesterday to ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee, at Lexington, Va.:

"The following telegram received to-day:

"Anderson, Richmonders! The dispatch was dated Paris, signed Burgen, and addressed to Col. Archer Anderson, the representative of the Ladies' Lee Memorial Association, on the Lee Memorial Association, Executive Committee, Cologne, Anderson, and forwarded to me by Mr. Anderson, and forwarded to General Fitzhugh Lee, knowing it would be a pleasing bit of intelligence to him. Thus far it would seem that the arrangements for having the statue here, May, have been well made, and will be under consideration of the committee at the city gas works and I am sure they will be well received by the public."

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